



# Queen Anne Cobblestone

*The Newsletter of the Queen Anne Historical Society, Seattle, WA*

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## New Neighborhood Service Center Open

The Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) has moved across Roy Street to its new location at 160 Roy St. Suite 100.

Christa Dumpys, Neighborhood District Coordinator, has announced an open house for our community on Wed. Jan. 23, 4-6 pm. Local folk are urged to drop in and find out about the services and information they can obtain at the NSC. All sorts of city of Seattle services can be accessed there. Check it out.



*New home of the Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center at 160 Roy*

## THE BALLARD LOCKS

*HIRAM CHITTENDEN'S DREAM*

**WED. JAN. 23RD, 7:30 PM**

Since its completion in 1917, the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks and the Lake Washington Ship Canal have been a vital aspect of life and transportation in our community. Built and managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, it was started in 1911 and is today on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our January membership meeting will feature **Jay Wells of the Corps of Engineers** who will present the story of the locks. The history of how this engineering marvel came to be, its construction and its operation will be covered.

The fish ladder at the locks gets as much attention as the locks themselves. Today's 21-step ladder replaces the original 10-step ladder and is much more effective. This is one of the few fish ladders in the world where saltwater meets freshwater in the ladder.

Hiram Chittenden was well known for his engineering projects when he came to Seattle in 1906. He transformed a shallow drainage canal used for floating logs from Lake Washington to Puget Sound into the largest canal and lock system in North America. The locks turned 90 this past year.

Don't miss this fabulous story. Come and join your neighbors to get the real scoop of the how and why of this local gem and tourist attraction.

**Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008, 7:30 pm**  
**McClure Middle School Library**  
**First Ave. W. and W. Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information contact John Hennes, 206-284-2266.



## Membership Notice



**Thank you for having renewed your annual membership for 2007-08.** If your mailing label shows "2008EXP" it means your membership runs through May 31st of 2008. Members are our resource. We've been busy this past year...and need memberships to keep our heritage efforts moving. Talk to your friends and neighbors about their role in preservation. *To learn more, call our Membership Chair, Holly Smith, 206-282-7515 (holly@qahistory.org)*

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Wed. Jan. 23, 2008

*City Event:* Open House at the new QA/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center, 160 Roy St, Ste 100, 4-6 pm (See story page 1)

### Wed. Jan. 23, 2008

*Program:* The Ballard Locks, by Jay Wells. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story page 1)

### Wed. Mar. 26, 2008

*Program:* Genealogy Research, by Trish Nicola. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### Wed. May 28, 2008

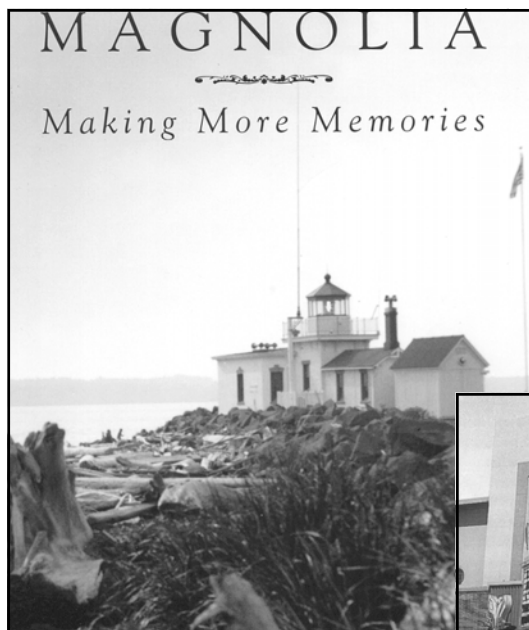
*Program:* The Stairways of Queen Anne, by Thomas Horton. Our Annual Meeting. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

### June, 2008

*Walking Tour:* The annual historical walking tour of Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Date and time yet to be chosen. Free.

## New Magnolia History Book Now In Print

The second volume of essays on Magnolia's history is now available. If you enjoyed the first book, *Magnolia: Memories & Milestones*, you will find book two, *Magnolia: Making More Memories*, a true delight.



The 392-page book is filled with intriguing and gorgeous photographs and contains stories on the steam locomotives at Interbay, the West Point Lighthouse, WWII at home and abroad, gas stations, Lawton Wood, Pleasant Valley, children's perspectives on growing up Magnolian and many others. An extremely complete index is included.

Some 34 Magnolians contributed writings to the new book, directed by Monica Wooton. The book is priced at \$45, plus \$7.50 shipping if you want it mailed to you. Make your check payable to Magnolia Historical Society and mail it to 3202 W. Emerson St, Seattle, WA 98199.

For more information, see the MHS website:

[www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org/](http://www.magnoliahistoricalsociety.org/)



*The new Magnolia Theatre in 1949.*

Courtesy Washington State Archives

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

## HERITAGE NEWS

### Historical Society Provides Photos for Community

Our Society receives many inquiries seeking pictures of old houses or businesses and asking for help in creating displays of photos. Photo researchers Bruce Jones and Isabel Eglin will generally respond to these.



*Asahael Curtis photo of Kerry Park, now on display at the Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce office on First Ave. N.*

The photo above shows a beautiful shot of Kerry Park in the 1920s or 30s that is now hanging in the storefront office of the Greater Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce at 512 First Ave. N.

Bruce found the photo. Isabel arranged with Panda Labs to have it enlarged and framed. The Chamber now displays it. You can walk in and take a look, as well as find out how the Chamber information displays can help you.

A similar photo display for the new Neighborhood Service Center (see story on page 1) is in work by Isabel and Trish Nicola.

### Crown of Lights Canceled

This year's holiday lighting contest was not held. After 20 years the fun seemed to be gone. There has been no reaction from the Queen Anne community, so perhaps it is for the best.

### Park View Apartments Taking New Form

The classic Park View on W. Highland Drive across from Kerry Park is taking new life as the 200 West High-



land, housing 24 condominiums.

The top photo shows the new building rising from the rubble (middle) of the destruction of the old building (bottom) in March 2007.

### More Street Disruptions

It seems as if every street you want to drive on these days is blocked by construction and street repairs. Be

aware that Denny, Western, Elliott and 15th W are all going to be partly blocked from March through October of this year for repaving.

For details watch the local papers or go to the DOT website:

[http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/denny\\_15th\\_pave.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/denny_15th_pave.htm).

### Welcome New Members

New members are the lifeblood of any organization. The Queen Anne Historical Society wishes to welcome the following new members to the Society:

Mildred Andrews  
Jean and Kevin Crane  
Beth Dodrill  
Nadine Huck  
Tara Lee and Peter JB Lawrence  
Anamaria Lloyd  
Joe Monda  
Beth Pfost  
Joann Shoudy Riberio  
Susana Schuarzberg  
Leona Wilkinson

Talk to your friends and neighbors. Tell them about the Society and how it might be a way for them to express their interest in preserving and explaining our community's past.

*Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Member Category: (check one)

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$15	<input type="checkbox"/> Patron	\$50 - \$199
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200 & up
<input type="checkbox"/> Student/Senior	\$8	<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution only,	\$_____

☐ I would like to become active in the Society.

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I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

**Soft cover: \$25**  
**(\$20 for members)**

**Hard cover: \$45**  
**(\$40 for members)**

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Soft cover cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Hard cover qty: \_\_\_\_\_

Hard cover cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing costs at \$3/book: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coming up:** The Ballard Locks at age 90. Come to the Wed. Jan. 23rd general meeting at McClure at 7:30 pm. Story page 1.



New Years Greetings to all,  
from your friends at the Queen  
Anne Historical Society.

#### **KIM'S MUSINGS**

##### ***Passages at the New Year***

It is the New Year and changes are already heavily in motion. Richard Jameson is leaving his position as editor of the Queen Anne News. Former editor and publisher John Murray died last year. Hideous new "town houses" are replacing comfortable, older single family dwellings all across the hill, and one of my favorite relatives, who lived for a time on Queen Anne Hill, my aunt Dorothy Jane Hull, died in December at the age of 90.

My first memories of her at the house at 910 Third Avenue North were in the mid-1940s. My cousin Adrienne had died shortly after starting first grade at old John Hay School, after contracting measles from another student. Hers turned into encephalitis, and she never came out of it. My cousin Julie was born to my aunt while they were living with us. This was the old house and had more than enough bedrooms for the group of us. During the night, especially in winter, you could hear the high whine of the old coal furnace come on, sounding something like a ghost should sound. I was never comfortable with that sound.

The Hulls moved to Fairbanks, Alaska in 1947, and when my Dad, Reg Turner, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in 1949, Dorothy immediately flew back down to Seattle, helping my Mom regularly.

By 1955, we had relocated to the house at 1207 Sixth Avenue North, and I spent many happy years there. I do miss its space today, but that will hopefully change this year as I continue to downsize some of the 1500 boxes of books, magazines, and papers which I have carried from place to place for the last 27 years.

2008 brings the same problems as we had in 2007: traffic, disappearing affordable housing, and consumers who don't believe in global warming as a facet of human production. Another year, and hopes that my friends will manage to stay reasonably healthy, as two more have been diagnosed in terminal condition, and I'm afraid of becoming callous about death and dying. Still, I am at the time in my life where it is a fact that I will continue losing a growing number of friends and acquaintances to death. So I am thinking on the ways in which I can help to slow those losses, and it won't be easy.

I wish all of you the best that this New Year can bring, and please, stay healthy!

*Kim R. Turner, Researcher, QAHs*

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